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I feel left out in this settlement. I don't care what Microsoft does or who they sell to- I don't use their software. I do however hope I will be allowed to continue to use what I prefer and that's where I feel this settlement falls short.

I won't quote paragraphs or cite examples. You're more familiar with the settlement and the cause than I could ever hope to be. I do wonder how many on the DoJ staff or the Executive Staff use something other than Microsoft products. Please talk with those people, should there be any, to discuss how they will feel when Microsoft uses the loopholes and generosity of this settlement to ensure any and all alternatives are destroyed.

It's choices and alternatives that make our country great. What was good for GM wasn't that good for the US. The US has grown and prospered. GM got what it wanted but the corporation has withered from it's former self and done tremendous damage in the process. Microsoft has gotten what it wanted from the settlement. They may eventually wither- though that is not my wish. I just hope they do not bring the rest of the US IT industry down along with it as GM has seemingly done to our once dominant position. On the other hand, where judgements were "harsh" those companies and industries have blossomed. I hope the Executive Branch and the DoJ will reconsider the provisions of this settlement and draft something to take both the needs of the consumer and the good of the nation into account.

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